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SUBJECT: CALL OF KOREAN AMBASSADOR ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY
HABIB.

1. KOREAN AMBASSADOR HAHM PAID CALL APRIL 29 ON
ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB.

2. DURING DISCUSSION HAHM ASKED FOR EVALUATION OF PRC-
NORTH KOREAN JOINT COMMUNIQUE. HABIB EXPLAINED COM-
MUNIQUE APPEARED TO REFLECT STANDARD PRC POSITIONS
AND DID NOT CONTAIN MILITANT LANGUAGE OF KIM IL SUNG'S
APRIL 18 BANQUET SPEECH. COMMUNIQUE WAS CLEARLY DIRECTED
AT NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES IN ANTICIPATION OF NORTH KOREAN
DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS TO ISOLATE THE ROKG AND ATTACK OUR
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SECURITY RELATIONSHIP IN UN AND ELSEWHERE. ALTHOUGH

KIM MAY HAVE SOUGHT PRC SUPPORT FOR MORE MILITANT POLICY IN KOREA, COMMUNIQUE DID NOT SUGGEST HE OBTAINED CHINESE AGREEMENT TO SUCH A COURSE.

3. HABIB NOTED THAT WHILE COMMUNIQUE CALLS FOR WITHDRAWAL OF US FORCES, THERE IS NO MENTION OF ANY TIME FRAME. ASIDE FROM ANALYZING BANQUET SPEECHES AND COMMUNIQUE,

HABIB STATED WE HAVE NO SPECIAL INFORMATION OF KIM'S TRIP.

4. HAHM NOTED IMPORTANT ADVERSE PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT OF KIM'S VISIT ON ROK. HABIB COMMENTED IMPACT ON SOUTH KOREA WAS CLEARLY A MAJOR PURPOSE OF PEKING VISIT. HAHM THEN SAID PRESIDENT PARK HAD ASSURED THE KOREAN PEOPLE IN HIS APRIL 28 ADDRESS THAT ROK IS PREPARED TO HANDLE ANY THREATS FROM NORTH KOREA. HABIB REMARKED IT IS IMPORTANT FOR ROK NOT TO OVERREACT TO RECENT DEVELOPMENTS.

5. IN RESPONSE TO HAHM'S QUESTION ABOUT FURTHER TRAVEL BY KIM ILSUNG, HABIB SAID WE HAD NO INFORMATION KIM PLANS OTHER TRIPS AT PRESENT TIME. OUR EMBASSY IN MOSCOW REPORTED SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD NO INFORMATION KIM PLANNING VISIT ANY OTHER COUNTRIES, INCLUDING USSR.

6. HAHM ALSO RAISED ROK'S DESIRE THAT SPEAKER CHONG IL KWON CALL ON PRESIDENT DURING HIS WASHINGTON VISIT IN ADDITION TO CALLS WE REQUESTED ON VICE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY. HABIB POINTED TO VISITS BY THREE PRIME MINISTERS DURING SAME PERIOD AND EXPRESSED DOUBT CALL ON PRESIDENT COULD BE ARRANGED, ALTHOUGH HE PROMISED TO RAISE MATTER.

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